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## RECENT DISCUSSION OF UNIVERSITY PROBLEMS

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.—The report of the Twenty-first Annual Conference contains the following extended papers and discussions:

The Organization of Research, Dr. J. R. Angell (Chicago).  
Remunerative Extra-University Activities, R. L. Wilbur (Stanford).  
Report on Academic and Professional Higher Degrees, A. O. Leuschner (California).

### ACADEMIC FREEDOM.—

"But perhaps the greatest attraction of university life, and the one which most distinguishes it is that embraced in my title, namely, its freedom. I approach here a much discussed topic and one certainly preeminent among the interests of a university. What is meant by academic or university freedom? How is our life free above other men's lives? What are the true and proper limitations to our freedom and what are the hindrances to that freedom which university life in America has not succeeded in preventing?

. . . "It is the lot of men, for the most part, to be bound inescapably to their tasks, to have their work measured and apportioned by others, their methods prescribed, their products standardized. In most of these respects the academic man is free. . . . Long experience in the organization of teaching has seemed to indicate that to do it well it must be done sparingly, that the number of times a week in which a man can give his best to a class, without exhausting the batteries of his physical being, is relatively few, and that, for men of our race at least, the periods of instruction must be interrupted by relatively ample periods of cessation. This gives to the university worker frequently recurring periods of relief that are commonly spoken of as holidays and vacations. Where properly employed, however, they are less periods of leisure than they are periods of relief from appointments, during which the mind may be exclusively turned and the energies con-